Invasive Species and Toxic Plant Disposal Options for Practitioners and Commercial Customers

Please consult these best management practices for advice on the prevention and control of priority invasive species. To reduce the risk of further spread, it is often best to leave the material on site to desiccate rather than transporting it to a disposal facility. If off site disposal is a better option for your situation, please tarp and secure your load and consult this list of disposal facilities.

The following is intended for use by practitioners and commercial customers, not by residents. Residents who wish to dispose of invasive plants or soil containing invasive species should contact their municipality directly for disposal advice. Some municipalities ask residents to place them in the green bin, some the garbage bin. Residents should not put invasive plants in their backyard composter as the temperature will not get hot enough to destroy the seeds and other propagules.

This information will be updated from time to time, but practitioners and commercial customers should always contact the facilities beforehand to confirm they can properly handle the material. For any questions about this list, broken links, or out-of-date information, please contact icentre@metrovancouver.org.

Soil and Japanese Beetle Green Waste in Vancouver

Before moving soil outside the Japanese beetle regulated area in the City of Vancouver, contact the Canadian Food Inspection Agency at cfia.wstjb-sj.acia@canada.ca or 604-292-5742. More information

Between June 15 and October 15 (the Japanese beetle flight period), above-ground plant parts collected within the Japanese beetle regulated area in the City of Vancouver are not accepted in green waste at Metro Vancouver transfer stations. More disposal options

Invasive or Toxic Plant Material

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<td><strong>BC Earth Exchange</strong>&lt;br&gt;Accepts soil infested with knotweeds. Customers must request pick up; drop off not available.</td>
<td>Corner of Bonson and Fraser Way, Pitt Meadows, BC</td>
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